

REMARKS

Editorial changes have been made in the specification, so as to identify the collector as the element 3, in accordance with Fig. 1 and page 5, line 22 of the specification.

Claim 35 also has been amended to recite that the casings of the syringes are not indirectly on the collector. This recitation has its basis on page 4, lines 2, 3, 14 and 15 and is also evident from Fig. 1.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as unpatentable over Melet, alone or in view of Bachenheimer or Kim.

In Melet, there is no disclosure or even a suggestion of the casings of the syringes being knotted directly on a collector. This arrangement, now claimed, is the risk of breakdown and leakage and provides a sturdy and stable construction in which misalignment of the parts is avoided.

The secondary reference is to Bachenheimer and Kim. They teach the features in which they were applied; but none of these features relates to the fundamental feature of novelty of the present invention. As pointed out above, it is not proved necessary to discuss the secondary references in greater detail at this time.

As the claims now in the case clearly bring out these distinctions with ample particularity, it is believed that they

are all patentable, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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